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Main Entry: **¹sur·round** ◀

Pronunciation: s&- 'raund

Function: *transitive verb*

Etymology: Middle English, to overflow, from Middle French *suronder*, from Late Latin *superundare*, from Latin *super-* + *unda* wave; influenced in meaning by

⁵round -- more at WATER

Date: circa 1616

1 a (1) : to enclose on all sides : ENVELOP <the crowd *surrounded* her> (2) : to enclose so as to cut off communication or retreat : INVEST **b** : to form or be a member of the entourage of <flatterers who *surround* the king> **c** : to constitute part of the environment of <*surrounded* by poverty> **d** : to extend around the margin or edge of : ENCIRCLE <a wall *surrounds* the old city>

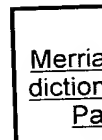
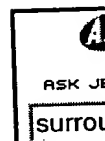
2 : to cause to be surrounded by something <*surrounded* himself with friends>

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